

# *Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program*

## *Building a Community of Park Stewards*



## **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Internship Opportunity**

- Position Title:** Wildlife Intern- Butterfly Monitors (2 positions)
- Dates of Internship:** Mid May to September, 2014.
- Hours:** 8- 10 hours /week. (weekdays - to be determined)
- Location:** Homestead - 671 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264
- Duties:** Interns will work in team of two to help survey long term butterfly monitoring transects. Interns will hike with volunteers (until trained) to learn butterfly identification techniques. Transects are 1 - 2 miles in length and are walked one time per week. There are a total of three transects within the park. Butterflies are identified using binoculars or by netting and releasing. Data is recorded on data sheets.
- Skills Required:** Self motivation and desire to work with volunteers. Surveys occur during days when temperature is 70 degrees or more, between 10:30am – 5pm. Ability to hike one to two miles over moderate terrain in hot/humid conditions. Skills with basic butterfly identification helpful.
- Requirements:** Applicants must complete a National Park Service Volunteer-in-Parks Agreement and may be subject to a background investigation. U.S. citizenship, driver's license, and reliable transportation required. Local candidates only. Must be a current Kent State University student.
- Salary/Benefits:** Travel Stipend provided by the KSU's BSCI department, may be in the range of \$700-\$1050, depending on the number of hrs worked per week and the length of the internship. Students will be paid in two installments, the first at the midpoint and the last at the completion of the internship. Interns are eligible for injury compensation and tort claims the same as federal employees and are considered to be federal employees for those purposes only.
- Outcomes:** Result of internship will be practical experience in long term monitoring protocols within a National Park. Network with biology and resource management professionals. Park staff and volunteers will train interns in butterfly identification and data recording.
- How to Apply:** Please submit the BSCI/CVNP application to Academic Advisor, Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu, with the above Position Title as the subject, by February 15, 2014. Please be prepared to bring your resume and cover letter to CVNP if offered an interview. Please request an application from Gail Spalsbury at gkovach@kent.edu or pick up a copy at CHH 256.

Option: In order to receive internship credit towards major degree, applicant will need to fill out a separate BSCI internship for credit application if chosen for the internship with CVNP. Course registration fees do apply. Also, if interested in receiving ELR credit, student will need to submit the ELR application. Please see Gail Spalsbury for further details.

